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The Honorable Orville L. Freeman
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is an acknowledgment of your letter of 28 February concerning the establishment in the Department of Agriculture of the Office of the Inspector General. We will be happy to work with your Inspector General wherever possible, and I have designated the CIA Inspector General, Mr. John S. Earman, as the point of contact. I have asked Mr. Earman to get in touch with Mr. Condon and make the necessary arrangements. If there are matters, such as those in the area of foreign trade, outside of the general cognizance of our Inspector General, he will make arrangements for the necessary contacts within the Agency.

Sincerely,

(Signed) John A. McCone

John A. McCone
Director

cc: Inspector General
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Honorable John A. McCone
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Central Intelligence Agency
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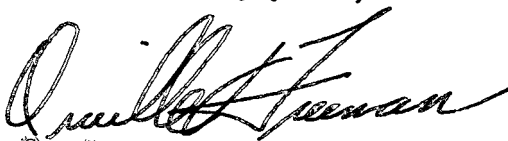
Dear Mr. McCone:

I have recently established the Office of the Inspector General and have appointed to that post, Mr. Lester P. Condon, a person with extensive experience in the Legislative and Executive Branches of Government.

The Inspector General is charged with directing the internal audit and investigative activities of the Department and will, in the discharge of these responsibilities, maintain the highest standards of professional conduct. Through the Inspector General, I hope to provide the necessary intelligence to alert me to sensitive trouble areas for which I bear responsibility. One such major area in which the Department has a broad interest is that of foreign trade, both commercial and that engendered under the various Titles of Public Law 480. I believe that your Agency can be of considerable assistance to the Inspector General, particularly in matters involving foreign commercial activity.

On behalf of this Department and the Inspector General, I solicit your cooperation in those matters of mutual interest. I would appreciate your appointing a liaison officer to contact the Inspector General and work out procedures to review files, exchange information, and coordinate investigative efforts wherever possible and appropriate.

Sincerely yours,


Orville H. Freeman
Secretary



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